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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. [redacted] 25X1

TOPIC Finsterwalde Airfield

25X1 EVALUATION [redacted] PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT [redacted] 25X1

DATE OBTAINED [redacted] DATE PREPARED 6 November 1952

REFERENCES [redacted]

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1. Eye witnesses reports on the crash of a jet bomber which occured at Finsterwalde airfield on 4 September 1952 indicated that the jet bomber which approached for landing did not touch ground but climbed again for an unknown reason. Suddenly a jet of fire emerged from a jet power plant or close by as the plane reached an altitude of 15 to 20 meters. At the same time, the nose suddenly pointed down whereupon the plane was no longer seen. A few minutes later, a black plume of smoke was observed.

2. The following air activity was observed at the field between 8 and 25 September 1952:

8 September: Flying by jet bombers started at about 9 a.m. Individual flights were made. One jet bomber each took off at 1:38 and 1:51 p.m. A UIL-28 [redacted] 25X1 25X1 [redacted] landed at 1:47 and 1:59 p.m. At 2:30 p.m., 2 B-25 planes and 11 jet bombers, parked in groups of 5 and 6 planes, were observed in front of the hangars.

10 September. Air activity by jet bombers started at 8:05 a.m. At 11:50 a.m., 1 B-25 and 11 jet bombers were parked in front of the hangars. About 30 men were observed at the take-off point. A radio truck and 15 men were about 100 meters east of the take-off point. A jet bomber took off at 11:58 and a UIL-28 25X1 [redacted] landed at 12:04 p.m.

12 September. Flying was practiced between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

15 September. Local flights were made by jet bombers and B-25 planes in the morning. Local and cross-country flights were made in the afternoon.

17 September. There was flying by jet bombers and B-25 planes in the morning and afternoon.

20,21 and 22 September. No air activity. Ten jet bombers and 2 twin-engine planes, apparently DC-3s, were counted at the field.

23 September. Between 11 a.m and 1 p.m., there was air activity by 1 B-25 plane and 1 or 2 jet bombers. Two twin-engine planes and 11 jet bombers were parked at the field at 2:30 p.m.

25 September. Local flying by jet bombers and a B-25 plane started at 8 a.m. After 1:30 p.m., only the B-25 plane [redacted] 25X1 25X1 [redacted] was observed. Each local flight took 3 to 4 minutes. After the landing, the plane immediately taxied to the take-off point and again took off. It was not observed that the crew was being changed. At 2:10 p.m., the B-25 plane taxied back toward the hangars and disappeared.

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3. Tank trucks [redacted] were observed moving from the field to Finsterwalde. At 12:20 p.m. on 10 September, eight tank trucks with trailers proceeded toward the town. The trucks and trailers had [redacted] the Russian inscription "Inflammable"

4. The following rail shipments were observed entering and leaving the field between 6 and 27 September:

Date in September	Shipment	From	To
8	2 flatcars loaded [redacted]	Netzebrand	Red Army
12	2 tank cars containing 200 and 210 hectoliters of naphta	Velten	[redacted]
12	2 tank cars containing 220 and 200 hectoliter of naphta	"	
	1 car with military goods	Fuerstenwalde	
16	5 tank cars containing 180, 184, 265, 300 and 160 hectoliters	Schwarzheide via Velten and Riesa	
	5 tank cars containing 200, 265, 200, 200 and 210 hectoliters of MB type solvent	Schwarzheide via Velten and Riesa	
18	18 cars with timber	Netzebrand	Red Army
21	4 tank cars containing 268, 112, 264, and 300 hectoliters of naphta	Riesa	[redacted]
	4 tank cars containing 215, 220, 175 and 185 hectoliters of naphta	Riesa	
	5 cars with coal	Senftenberg	Unit Shekalin
22	5 cars with coal	"	"
23	18 flatcars loaded with 8x76-mm AA guns model 1938 and 10 trucks [redacted] and 2 boxcars and 4 converted boxcars with about 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black emulets.		[redacted]
	3 cars loaded with sacks probably containing flour	Satzkorn	[redacted]
24	6 cars with coal	Senftenberg	Unit Shekalin
25	1 boxcar with undetermined contents	Juterbog Altes Lager	[redacted]

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5. [redacted] determined that the railroad tank cars which arrived for the Red Army on 30 August coming from Riesa were dispatched to [redacted] and that the train which arrived on 5 September did not proceed to Schwerin but to Kroeslin ?

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6. 21 September. Between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m., 12 jet bombers of both types in two groups of six planes and 15 Pe-2s were parked at the field
23 September. Jet bombers practiced flying between 7 and 8:30 a.m. A plane landed and subsequently taxied to the take-off point.
26 September. A biplane took off at about 9 p.m. and landed after about 15 minutes. During the take-off and landing, a searchlight located near Schackendorf was in operation. Flying by biplanes still continued at 10 p.m.
27 September. From the noise of engines heard between 7 and 9 a.m., [redacted] 25X1 inferred that flying was practiced by jet bombers. Between 9 and 9:15 a.m., 25X1 [redacted] two Pe-2s flew over the town. Between 1 and 5 p.m., jet bombers practiced flying. There were no clouds.

7. Between 22 and 27 September, about 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were repeatedly observed making adjustments on the poles of the telephone line which extended from the field to the Buergerheide. Jeep 25X1 [redacted] was observed there.

8. On 26 September, a Pe-2 plane landed at the field. [redacted] 25X1 25X1 [redacted] the AA gun emplacements south of the ammunition dump were vacated on 25 September. 3 4

1. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] 25X1

For reference report concerning the correcting information on the AAA shipment of 5 September 1952 to Kroepelin, [redacted] 25X1 25X1 [redacted] paragraph 1. Kroepelin probably is the unloading station for the AAA units which practice firing with live ammunition at Wustrow firing range. The incoming fuel quantities i.e. about 2,300 hectoliters for [redacted] 25X1 25X1 [redacted] and bout 2,000 hectolitors for [redacted] are the usual fuel supply.

25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. The AA gun emplacement is located on the northern edge of the field. Its evacuation is probably connected with the AAA shipment which reportedly left on 23 September 1952.

25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. Finsterwalde airfield is still occupied by two bomber regiments which are equipped with about 12 Il-28s and at least 15 Pe-2s. [redacted] 25X1 25X1 [redacted]

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